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Case No. 659/1483  
K-C Ref. No. 14,747

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Tsai et al.

Serial No: 09/474,634

Examiner: Christopher C. Pratt

Filed: December 29, 1999

Group Art Unit: 1771

For: BIODEGRADABLE  
THERMOPLASTIC NONWOVEN  
WEBS FOR FLUID MANAGEMENT

### REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 CFR § 1.114)

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Applicant requests continued examination under 37 CFR § 1.114.



Applicant is:



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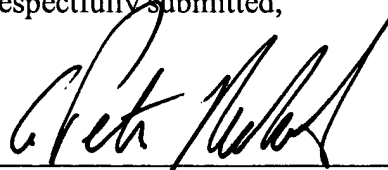
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- ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement
- ☒ An Amendment to the written description, claims, or drawings
- ☐ New Arguments and/or New Evidence in Support of Patentability
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ A petition and fee for a one-month extension of the time is enclosed herewith.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$126 to cover the additional claims fee is enclosed.
- ☒ Charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this request is attached.

Dated: January 9, 2004

Respectfully submitted,



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**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 9, 2003, for which Applicant filed a Notice of Appeal and now files a Request for Continued Examination, please reconsider the application in view of the following amendments and remarks: